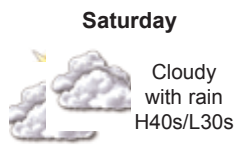


Weekend Weather



As of Thursday

Source: 35th OSS Weather Flight

Misawa Air Base DUI/DWI Hitboard

Total number of
DUI/DWI incidents
at Misawa
this year

28

As of Thursday

Number of days
since the last
DUI/DWI at
Misawa

21

As of Thursday

Last unit with a DUI/DWI: 35th Services Squadron

Source: 35th SFS

PACAF family days for 2007

The Family Day schedule for 2007 was recently announced by the Pacific Air Forces commander. The following dates will be designated as PACAF Family Days for 2007: Jan. 2, May 25, July 5, Aug. 31, Nov. 23, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. Civilians are encouraged to take annual leave or use accrued compensatory time on these days.

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58 years of service

Since 1948, the *Northern Light* has served the Misawa community. Starting Jan. 8, you can find base news on the Web at www.misawa.af.mil

by Master Sgt. Timothy Carney
35th Fighter Wing Command Post

As the end of 2006 rapidly approaches, a significant chapter in the history of the *Northern Light* closes with this issue as it heralds its transition from newsprint to a cyber-space news source.

"This transition is in line with Air Force Smart Operations-21," said Brig. Gen. Sam Angelella, 35th Fighter Wing commander. "Going to a Web-based information-delivery system provides our readers with real-time information. Additionally, deployed servicemembers and personnel on leave will have greater access to home-station news."

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Air Force graphic

Starting Jan. 8, the Misawa public Web site is scheduled to be fully operational and have the latest Misawa news at www.misawa.af.mil.

PACAF command chief master sergeant says 'tell AF story'

by Staff Sgt. A.C. Eggman
35th Fighter Wing public affairs

The Pacific Air Forces highest enlisted Airman held two enlisted calls Monday with two objectives – let Airmen know what the Air Force's priorities are and encourage them to tell the Air Force story.

"There are three priorities in the Air Force and what I find as I travel around is that our young Airmen haven't been told what the Air Force priorities are," said Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Bishop, PACAF command chief master sergeant. "We have a strategic communication game plan now where we have one message, many voices. We need to start telling the Air Force story."

The chief asked many of the Airmen in the first enlisted call if they knew what the priorities are in order. The audience came up with several answers; some very close, before the chief told the E-1 to E-6 audience what the priorities are and why.

"Our No. 1 priority is winning the Global War on Terrorism," said the chief. "This has to be an away game. We do not want to play this game on U.S. territory ever again."

The chief also pointed out that while only 14 percent of the Air Force is deployed to Southwest Asia, PACAF Airmen are just as engaged with the enemy right here at home.

"We have Airmen being shot at in this AOR (area of responsibility)," he said. "We have Airmen engaged in winning that war today, right here. You need to tell people that."

Chief Bishop also stressed how important it is that Airmen pass the word that the Air Force is engaged 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and around the world because of the Air Force's capability of Global Reach, Global Power.

"We don't want to play in it, we don't want to break even, we want to win," Chief Bishop said.

The second priority is taking care of our Airmen. The Air Force is focused on two groups, said Chief Bishop. The first are the 40,000 Airmen who will be released from duty during the draw-down over the next five years.

"We have a lot of Airmen that come in and some don't make it," he said. "Some are asked to leave our Air Force."

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Photo by Airman Benjamin Wilson

Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Bishop, PACAF command chief master sergeant, talks to Misawa Airmen during his first of two enlisted calls he held here Monday.

Commander's Update & Action Line (226-3700)

The Action Line provides "direct communication" between you and me. This valuable open channel has but one purpose — to make our community



better. Your input of ideas, concerns, highlighting problems and suggested solutions are the lifeblood to building a stronger foundation where our families thrive and our mission succeeds. There are many dedicated professionals at Misawa — officer, noncommissioned officer and civilian — who are experts in their respective fields. Please offer them the opportunity to answer your question in concert with your unit chain of command. They share the same vision for Misawa as I do. However, those concerns that do come to the Action Line have my personal attention.

Brig. Gen. Salvatore A. Angelella
35th Fighter Wing and
Misawa Air Base
installation commander

Who to call for assistance

Who to call for assistance	
Air Force Aid Society	Finance..... 226-9242
..... 226-9316	HAWC.....226-6653
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Look out for those around you

by CAPT. Peter Rush
Naval Air Facility commander

Each week we tell our Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen thank you, stay safe, and continue to take care of each other.

This holiday season, I want you to take the "taking care of each other" part to heart and really look out for those around you.

Although Misawa winters offer some great joy, they can also make some people feel lonely or depressed.

With family and friends back home, loved ones separated by deployments and cold weather driving people inside, the season can be very tough. But at Misawa, we all pride ourselves on a true family atmosphere.

Reach out to each other over the holidays.



"... at Misawa, we all pride ourselves on a true family atmosphere."

— CAPT. Peter Rush
Naval Air Facility commander

Invite friends and co-workers over who may be by themselves for the holidays to spend some time with you.

Taking care of each other also means being responsible while celebrating the holidays. Look out for one another, be a good shipmate or wingman, and have a safe and joyous holiday season.

Excellence in all we do includes time for self

by Master Sgt.
David Richard

35th Aircraft Maintenance
Squadron first sergeant

Service before self is probably the hardest of the core values to define and the easiest to misuse.

How can someone emphasize service before self too much? A few examples of service before self include coming to work on a wing family day to do routine work that could wait; always volunteering to be the point of contact or project manager for a tasking when there are others able to perform the required tasks; allowing yourself to get in a situation where you end up losing leave at the end of the year because you failed to take any during the year.

The consequence of emphasizing service before self in spite of our self is we hinder another core value — excellence

in all we do.

Each one of us has a responsibility to ensure our people do the right things they need to do in order to take care of themselves. When the wing has a family day, make it a point to ensure you and your people spend time with family and friends.

Leaders have a responsibility for the development of the people under them. If we consistently volunteer to be the point of contact for projects, we run the risk of not developing the people under us. Give others the opportunity to volunteer for the next big project.

Make it a priority for you and your people to take leave each year. The Air Force believes strongly in the importance of having people use their leave throughout the year to allow Airmen the chance to relax and reenergize. Why do you think they give you 30 days

of leave each year? You've earned them, don't lose them.

Our Airmen, by nature, are driven and often put the mission before themselves. Sometimes we may need to nudge them to take care of themselves also.

The Air Force demands your best each day. If you are not doing the things you need to take care of yourself, the mission will suffer.

We have all worked extremely hard for some time to prepare for the operational readiness inspection and the Air Expeditionary Force deployments because we believe in our core values and want to show what a great mission we have here.

Take this holiday season as an opportunity to relax with family and friends. Maybe a good New Year's resolution would be to find a balance between service and self.

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File photo

Winter is officially here

Misawa had its first significant snow fall, which means on-base and off-base residents must slow down, take extra time to get where you are going and look out for ice. The deadline to have snow tires or all weather tires on vehicles was Nov. 15.

ATSO TOPIC OF THE WEEK Self-aid & buddy care

Self-aid and buddy care — shock

The symptoms of shock are:

- Confusion
- Sweaty, cool skin or clammy skin.
- Breathing is shallow, labored, and rapid.
- The person has a weak and rapid pulse

Treatment for shock is:

- Keep the person's airway open.
- If unconscious, place the person on his or her side in the recovery position and monitor airway.
- If conscious, elevate lower extremities.
- Keep the person calm and warm by using blankets under and over the person and keep him or her comfortable.
- Seek medical attention immediately.
- Do not give the individual food or drink.

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"The base's online news service allows public affairs to be far more proactive when providing late-breaking information to the base audiences and to remain relevant in this age of instantaneous news services," the general said.

And with the paper-version becoming a thing of the past, it is only fitting we look back at its beginning before we move forward into the future.

Since its humble beginnings in 1948, the *Northern Light* has chronicled base, Air Force and world history, and what a history it's been.

Volume 1, edition one, of the "no name" (the base newspaper hadn't been named yet) was published on June 12, 1948. It consisted of a single sheet of paper with a total of nine news pieces typed on both sides; moveable type was still in the future. These nine pieces mainly consisted of base announcements and what movies were playing at the Richard Bong base theater. Edition two announced the contest that would decide the name of the new newspaper. Entries were whittled down to a final 12: *Sky Rocket*, *Flight-Liner*, *High Flyer*, *Airman*, *Spamcan*, *Skipper*, *Strata-Sheet*, *Forty-Niner*, *Misawan*, *Piloteer*, *Wings* and *Windsock*. The winner was announced in edition three, and the Misawa base newspaper became the *Piloteer*, which it would remain for the next two years. During this time, the *Piloteer* continued to be manually typed and all illustrations were hand-drawn. In edition five, one of the stories announced that Private First Class Morris Forbes had become the 100th man to enter the base library. His prize – one carton of cigarettes.

Sometime between 1950 and 1953, the *Piloteer* became the *Wingspread*. Why this occurred is not clear because no editions from those three years are known to

exist. But as the Korean War raged, news of the conflict as well as other national news stories and events began to replace base announcements on the front page and in the headlines. As the decade of the 1950s progressed, Misawa grew and so did the *Wingspread*. By this time, moveable type had replaced typed copy and graphics were improving as well. This was well documented when photographs of movie queens Julie Adams (*Creature from the Black Lagoon* and *Away All Boats*) and Jane Russell (*The Paleface* and *Son of Paleface*) appeared in a 1956 edition of the *Wingspread*. They were to be followed by other starlets in the next decade such as Goldie Hawn and the first pair of twins to appear in Playboy magazine. Times were changing.

The war in Vietnam and the radical 1960s began to fill the pages of the *Wingspread* as social upheaval back home in America and the highly-charged politics of the decade began to top the headlines.

With the arrival of the 1970s, another milestone was reached on March 26, 1971, when the *Wingspread* became the *Northern Light*.

"The base wasn't going to host a flying unit anymore, so base officials determined that the name *Wingspread*, which suggested flying, wouldn't be appropriate," said Senior Master Sgt. Donald Koser, 35th Fighter Wing historian. "Another contest was held and was named *Northern Light*."

On May 15, 1971, the 356th Tactical Fighter Squadron left Misawa and with its departure, U.S. Air Force host flying operations ended for 13 years until the arrival of the 432nd Tactical Fighter Wing July 1, 1984.

The gas shortage and the sexual revolution of the 1970s were replaced by the advent of technology and computers as the world and

Northern Light past headlines



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ken Hammond

This photograph ran on the front page of the Misawa base newspaper April 4, 1969. It was considered an action shot at the time. The caption: Don't stand there telling others how to do it; pick up that trash yourself.

As the paper version of the base paper comes to an end and moves to an electronic Web-based product (www.misawa.af.mil), the *Northern Light* staff would like to pass on some historical headlines that ran in the paper.

■ In the **February 21, 1969**, issue, the first version of the Commander's Action Line appears. The commander answered questions such as building an enlisted barracks; why do certain people get promoted, and why can't the base send a shuttle bus to the Falcon gate.

■ In the **February 28, 1969**, issue, two Misawa chief master sergeants were selected to compete for the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force position. The man selected replaced the first Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Chief Paul Airey.

■ In the **February 21, 1975**, issue, the Department of Defense announced commissaries would not close, but would become self-sustaining; therefore, patrons could expect higher prices.

■ In the **December 5, 1975**, issue, Washington announces on-base residents may soon have to pay fair market rental value for their government quarters and utilities.

■ In the **October 1981**, issue, the first Japanese-American sports day is announced.

the *Northern Light* stepped into the 1980s and 1990s. With these times came news of the assassination attempt of President Ronald Reagan (1981), the takeover of Grenada (1983), the fall of the Berlin Wall (1989) and the end of the Cold War (1991), Operations Desert Shield and Storm (1990-91), the Rodney King verdict and subsequent Los Angeles riots (1992) and the rise of social awareness issues.

Through it all, the *Northern Light* kept pace, reporting U.S. national and world events to a new generation of Airmen.

As the second half of the decade began and computer technology and budgetary constraints push the *Northern Light* into a new domain, it's only fitting that we look back over the last 58 years and realize how far Misawa's base newspaper has come. From a nine-article sheet of paper to the sophisticated cyber-domain it will occupy starting Jan. 8 at www.misawa.af.mil, the *Northern Light*, now *Misawa Air Base News*, remains a mainstay of news and information to the Airmen of the 21st century.

What a journey it's been.

'Chief'

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We owe them a debt of gratitude. They may not have been able to make it, but at least they stood up, volunteered and tried."

The second group are Airmen who are staying and must find a way to do more with less.

"As we drawdown, the workload is not going to go down as fast as the bodies do," said the chief. "You will do a lot more tomorrow than we did yesterday. With technology, with leaner processes, with AFSO-21 (Air Force Smart Operations), we can do smarter things tomorrow than we did yesterday. We need to take care of you with pay and compensation, benefits, training, whatever the case may be."

The third priority of the Air Force is recapitalizing the fleet. The chief spoke briefly about the aging inventory before talking about new technology, such as the F-22 Raptor and F-35 joint

"For 58 years we have maintained air superiority. The next generation of fighters need to ensure we keep that record."

— Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Bishop
PACAF command chief master sergeant

strike fighter and comparing the two inventories. He discussed how effective the F-15 Eagle has been in combat and how much more capability the F-35 will bring to maintaining air superiority in the future.

"For 58 years we have maintained air superiority," said Chief Bishop. "The next generation fighters need to ensure we keep that record."

Before opening the floor for questions, the chief concluded his briefing by stating the Global War on Terrorism is not the Army's fight and the Air Force is not doing the Army's job by supplementing its Soldiers in Southwest Asia.

"We're not doing the Army's job," said Chief Bishop. "We're doing the job we need to do. We're doing it from 40,000 feet."

The chief took a few minutes to answer questions about more combat skills training, when the United States would see victory on the Global War on Terrorism, storing equipment in the area of responsibility versus carrying it in, and the length of deployments. Chief Bishop thanked everyone for their service and the sacrifices they make every day before bidding everyone a happy holiday season.

"I want to leave you with two things," he said. "First, happy holidays. I truly wish you the very best. I hope you will take time, especially those of you who are deploying, take time to be with your friends and family. That includes your Air Force family. The second part of that, for those of you who are not deploying, even if they are not in your squadron, reach out to their families that are left behind," said the chief. "Help take care of them."



Air Force photo

Showcase performance

Members of the Air Force's Tops In Blue perform one of the many songs before an Air Force crowd. Tops In Blue, the premiere entertainment showcase of the Air Force, will perform here 6 p.m. Dec. 29 in Hangar 949. Parking at the hangar will be limited. Parking is also available at Edgren High School. Tops In Blue was created in 1954 and since then have performed at six world and more than 100 state fairs. They also have five movies and two albums. Through creative technology, Tops In Blue 2006 will present a fun-filled, action-packed performance showcasing hits with their own special spin. For more information, call the Mokuteki Community Center at 226-4128.

Misawa's Biggest Loser; Part II

by Master Sgt. Brad Sprague
35th Fighter Wing public affairs

The holiday season is here. In typical tradition, friends and families gather together to share in the holiday spirit, gift-giving, and food. With the abundance of holiday treats and enough football to satisfy any sports junky, well ... you do the math.

Another tradition that is indelibly linked with the holidays is the New Year's resolution. Not so coincidentally, a popular New Year's resolution is weight loss.

As with any pledge, you'll need encouragement, discipline, and a target. The target; how about a healthier lifestyle and a \$2,000 grand prize? That's what the winning team of the second

Misawa's Biggest Loser contest will receive.

Misawa's Biggest Loser 2007 will kick off with an official weigh-in at the Mokuteki Community Center January 18.

The 10-week program combines teams and individuals competing against each other to lose the highest percentage of their initial body weight. The Misawa's Biggest Loser 2006 winning team took home the grand prize by losing a cumulative 58 percent of their initial body weight.

In addition to the \$2,000 grand prize to the first place team, a \$500 individual prize will be awarded, plus more great prizes. Sign-ups will be January 1-15 for the four-person teams and individuals.

Join fellow Misawan's who wish to slim down their body while fattening their wallet.

Warrior of the week

**Tech. Sgt.
Tenell Mosley**

Organization
35th Services
Squadron
Duty title
Lodging operations
NCOIC

Hometown
Tampa, Fla.

"Tech. Sgt. Tenell Mosley arrived at Misawa in March and has been a catalyst in improving quality service at Misawa Inn. Her contributions were recently recognized by the Air Force as the, 'Air Force Innkeeper Travelers award winner,' the only Air Force Services military person selected out of 95 Air Force lodging operations."

Master Sgt. Ned Grey

35th Services Squadron Misawa Inn superintendent



Briefs

■ **Scoutmaster position open** — Boy Scout Troop 14 is looking for a new head scoutmaster. Previous Scout experience is preferred, but not required. The position is open to either gender. For more information, call Airman 1st Class Kevin Reilly at 222-7551 or e-mail kevin.reilly@misawa.af.mil.

■ **Tuition assistance applications** — Air Force Aid Society spouse tuition assistance applications are available at the Airman and Family Readiness Center and on the Misawa public and private Web sites. Applicants must include a copy of the active duty member's last full month leave and earning statement and a copy the applicant's last pay statement, if employed. Paperwork needs to be turned into the education center, building 653, on the second floor. For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 226-4735.

■ **Squadron closes for official function** — The 35th Comptroller Squadron will be closed at 1 p.m. today for an official function. For more information, call 226-4843.

■ **Tax center needs volunteers** — The legal office needs volunteers to assist with the tax center during the upcoming tax season. Training class dates are Jan. 24-26. For more information, call 226-4022.

■ **December Asian foreign film** — The Mokuteki Community Center's December Asian foreign film is at 8 p.m. Saturday. The film is *Nobody Knows*, an acclaimed Japanese drama. For more information, call 226-4128.

■ **Services Customer Appreciation Week** — The 35th Services Squadron is holding a Customer Appreciation Week Jan. 7-14. Various services facilities such as the Weasels' Den, Potter Fitness Center, Overstreet Memorial Library, the Arts and Crafts Center, the Frame and Graphics Shop, Auto Center, and child development centers, to name a few, will participate. There will also be a scavenger hunt at the community center with cash prizes. The week's activities will culminate in the Winter Festival Grand Finale Jan. 13 at Gosser Memorial Golf Course. There will be snowshoe races, a family snowman building contest and more from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 226-9272.

■ **Smart Girls Lock-In** — The Lunney Youth Center is having a Smart Girls Lock-In for girls 9 to 12 years old from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. Jan. 13. The deadline to sign-up is Jan. 10. Mothers are welcome the first half of the evening. There will be a self-defense class, briefings, games, food and prizes. For more information, call 226-3220.

■ **Air Expeditionary Force deployment briefing** — The 35th Maintenance Group is holding a deployment briefing from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 28 in the Mokuteki Ballroom for spouses of servicemembers deploying. There will be support agencies available to provide information. Even if your spouse is not deploying on this rotation, you are encouraged to attend. Child care is available. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Travis Jalaliddin at 226-4262.

■ **Youth of the year contest** — The Wakasa Teen Center is holding the 2007 Youth of the Year contest Jan. 23. Teenagers must have been a youth of the month in 2006 and must be at least 14 years old. Scholarships are available at various levels of the competition. For more information, 226-2170.



Air Force photos

Airman 1st Class Trevor Veitz, 35th Logistics Readiness Squadron, stands ready for anything that might happen during convoy duty in Southwest Asia. Five other Misawa LRS Airmen returned from the same deployment recently. The Airmen were tasked to perform in-lieu of duties to support Army personnel.

Deployment provides Airmen with life-changing experience

by Staff Sgt. Vann Miller
35th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

After long months on the desert roads in Southwest Asia, six Airmen returned to Misawa with lessons learned and life-changing experiences as convoy drivers.

The 35th Logistics Readiness Squadron Airmen deployed on in-lieu of missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In-lieu

of missions supplement Soldiers whose skills are needed in combat more so than on convoy duty and are becoming regular deployments for Air Force personnel.

“For the most part, it was a really good experience,” said Senior Airman Tristan Bryant, who smiled as she recalled her time working with the Army. “We became a second family, a home away from home.”

Training and teamwork were major factors in the team’s success with life on convoy duty and driving on long dangerous

stretches of road, said Tech. Sgt. Thomas Karnes.

“It can be dangerous,” Sergeant Karnes said. “But we bonded together as a team. We were trained well, so when something did happen, we were ready to take it to them. We were a good team.”

Three of six members laughed and joked about the quality of life issues they would miss from their time on the road — things such as long walks from the tent to a bathroom in shower shoes; feeling the oven-like heat of the desert air; and the endless handfuls of sunflower seeds passed around as snacks on numerous long drives.

But jokes and laughter ceased as they spoke about some of their missions. On his first

mission as the only convoy commander, Sergeant Karnes’ convoy was attacked. It was not like what is reported in the news, he said.

“They (attackers on the convoy) seemed intimidated,” Sergeant Karnes said.

“They didn’t even stick around. They seemed like they were just trying to torment people.”

Sergeant Karnes shifted in his seat as he spoke of roadside improvised explosive devices and how the combat skills training kept the

team focused.

“We were on the road headed back toward Kuwait, and we had a roadside bomb go off,” he said.

Immediately, the training kicked in, he said. Maintaining communication from his command truck, the team assessed the situation. Everyone did what they were trained to do.

Within minutes security forces secured and cleared the area, according to Airman Trevor Veitz. The area was now a hot spot.

“We did what we were trained to do, and that was to get out of there,” said Airman Veitz. “We assessed the damage to the vehicle and figured out how to get the vehicle to move again.”

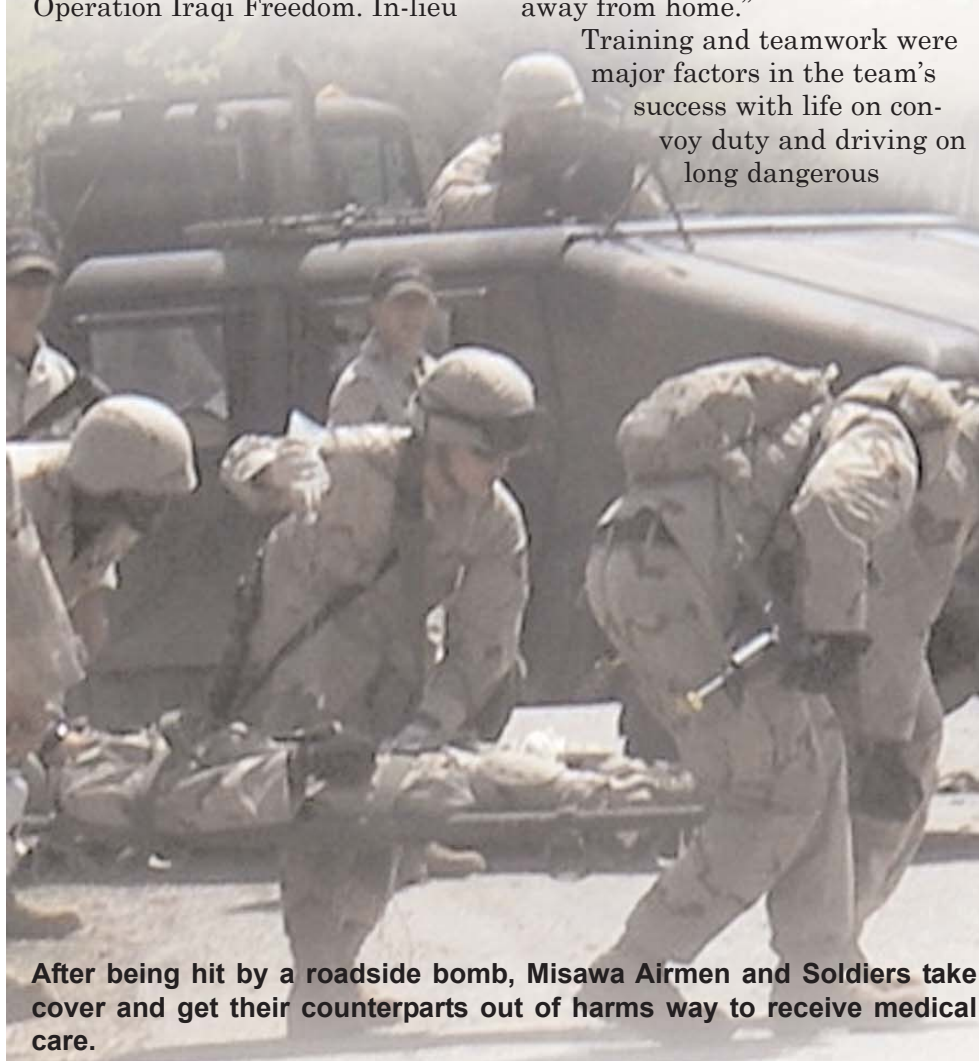
Though the road side bomb injured a member of the convoy and damaged a vehicle, the Airmen agreed their training ensured that everyone made it out alive.

Even though the Airmen encountered life-threatening situations almost daily, they said they were proud to serve their country.

“This was my first deployment,” said Airman Bryant. “It’s very possible we can get tasked again. I feel like I am actually protecting my friends and family back home and I got to meet a lot of good people.”

Even as the Airmen return to the luxuries of civilian clothes, some time off work and readjusting to regular sleeping hours, “we stay ready” to go again, said Airman Veitz.

After being hit by a roadside bomb, Misawa Airmen and Soldiers take cover and get their counterparts out of harms way to receive medical care.



Who's got game?

Harlem Ambassadors show off their skills on the court

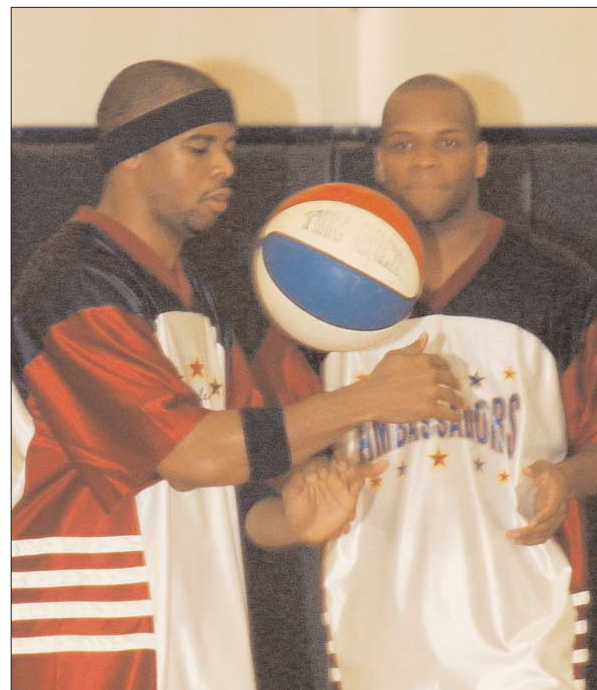


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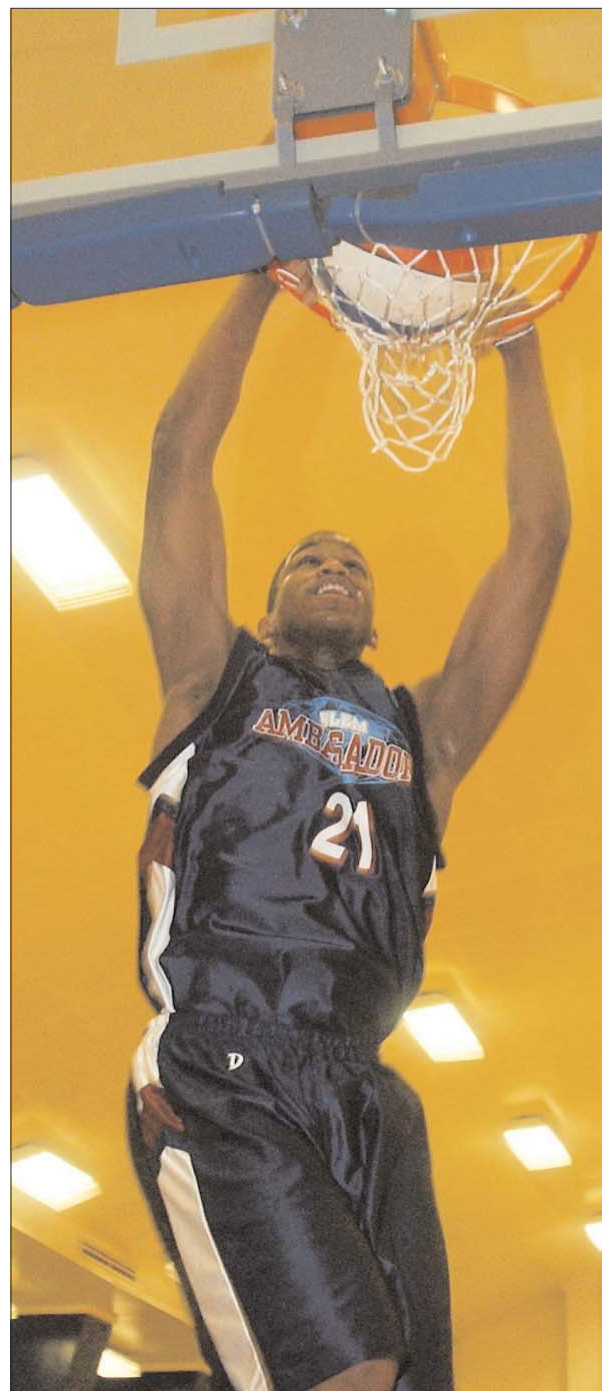
George Turner, a Harlem Ambassador, entices a few Misawa audience members out on to the Potter Fitness Center basketball court to dance during their show Dec. 21. The Harlem Ambassadors are touring military bases in Japan as a way to lift the spirits and morale of the Airmen, Marines, Soldiers and Sailors stationed here.



(Above) "Majic" Prophete (left), and B.J. Patman, Harlem Ambassadors, pause to look for an opening against the Misawa basketball team. (Right) The Misawa children are entertained by B.J. Patman (left), George Turner (center), and Hallard Jackson, Harlem Ambassadors. The show is designed to be fun for people of all ages. In addition to having a wholesome entertainment product, the team of professionals promote the values of staying in school, staying off drugs and fostering harmony.



Two of the Harlem Ambassadors show off some fancy basketball skills Dec. 12 at the fitness center. The Harlem Ambassadors have been delivering quality basketball shows to audiences throughout the world since 1998.



George Turner, a Harlem Ambassador, easily dunks a basketball during their show.

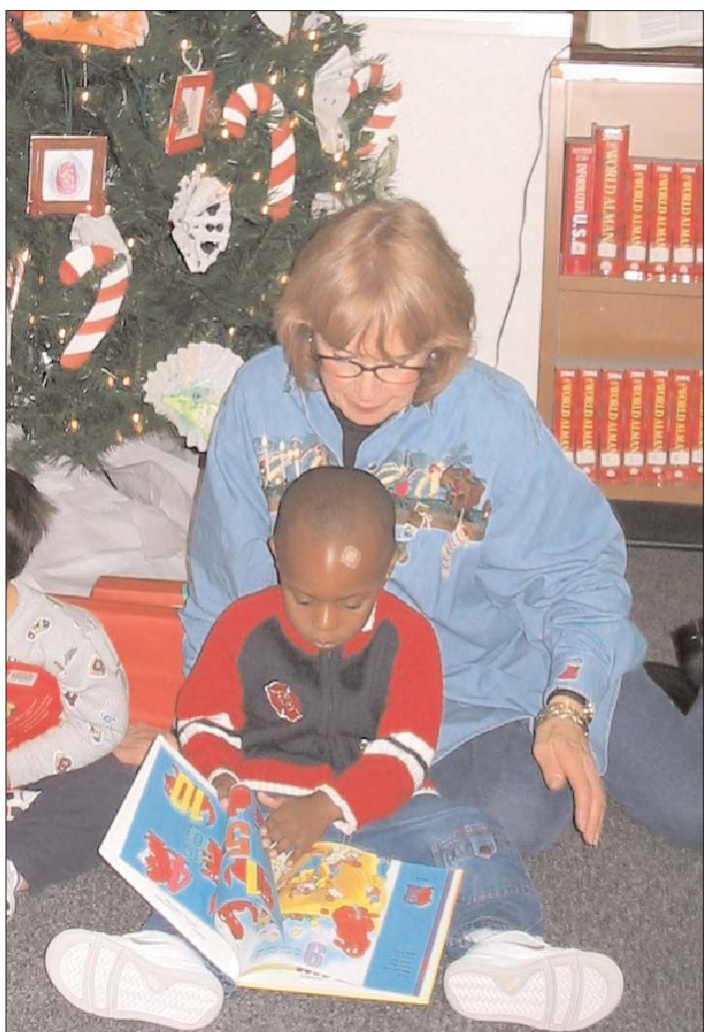


Photo by Cummings Library staff

One fish, two fish

Tawan Treadwell, a Cummings Elementary student, enjoys a library book under the holiday tree with librarian Ms. Joan Gushiken.

Sport shorts

■ Ski and snowboard trip —

The Single Airman Xtreme is planning a ski and snowboard trip Dec. 30. Participants must pick up a ski and snowboard coupon at the Mokuteki Community Center before registering at the Outdoor Recreation Center. For more information, call the center at 226-4128.

■ **8-ball tournament** — The Mokuteki Community Center is holding an 8-ball pool tournament Dec. 30. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. and play begins at 7 p.m. The tournament is open to anyone 18 years or older. Prizes will be awarded. For more information, call 226-4128.

■ **Shooter's clinic** — The Outdoor Recreation Center is holding a shooter's clinic at the skeet and trap range at 9 a.m. every Sunday. The cost per person is \$25 and includes two rounds of skeet or trap, gun rental, equipment and instruction. For more information, call 226-9378.

■ **U-Pick 'Em** — The Lunney Youth Center is holding an NFL U-Pick 'Em contest every Tuesday. Test your abilities to select the win-

ning NFL football team. Select who you think will win the following Tuesday's game. If you win, receive a \$10 Army and Air Force Exchange Service gift certificate. You must be a youth center member to play. For more information, call 226-3220.

■ **Football frenzy** — The collocated club holds Football Frenzy 2006 at 6 p.m. every Tuesday in the sports bar. People can relax and unwind as they watch NFL football on the big screen. Participants could win tickets to the Super Bowl, Pro Bowl or a regular season game. Participants must be 18 or older. For more information, call 222-9512.

■ **Warhammer tournament** — The Single Sailor Liberty Program is sponsoring a Warhammer 40K Tournament at noon Jan. 20 at the Davy Jones Locker. Those who are participating need to arrive at 11 a.m. The entry fee is \$20 and includes lunch. Prizes will be awarded. For more information, call Senior Airman Douglas Jones 226-3065 or 222-9543 or e-mail welcomemi-sawagamers@yahoo.com

Richard Bong Theater

Today — "Everyone's Hero," (G) 2 p.m., "Deck The Halls," (PG) 4:30 p.m., "The Grudge 2," (PG-13) 7 p.m. starring Sarah Michelle Gellar, Amber Tamblyn.

"Texas Chainsaw Massacre," (R) 9:30 p.m. starring Jordana Brewster and Taylor Handley.

Saturday — "Santa Claus 3," (PG) 2 p.m. starring Tim Allen and Elizabeth Mitchell. "Deck The Halls," (PG) 4:30 p.m. starring Danny DeVito and Matthew Broderick. "The Grudge 2," (PG-13) 7 p.m. "The Prestige," (PG-13) 9:30 p.m. starring Hugh Jackman and

Christian Bale.

Sunday — "Santa Claus 3," (G) Noon. "Polar Express," (PG) 2 p.m. Animated.

Monday — Closed for Christmas.

Tuesday — "Flicka," (PG) 2 p.m. starring Alison Lohman, Tim McGraw. "The Prestige," (PG-13) 7 p.m.

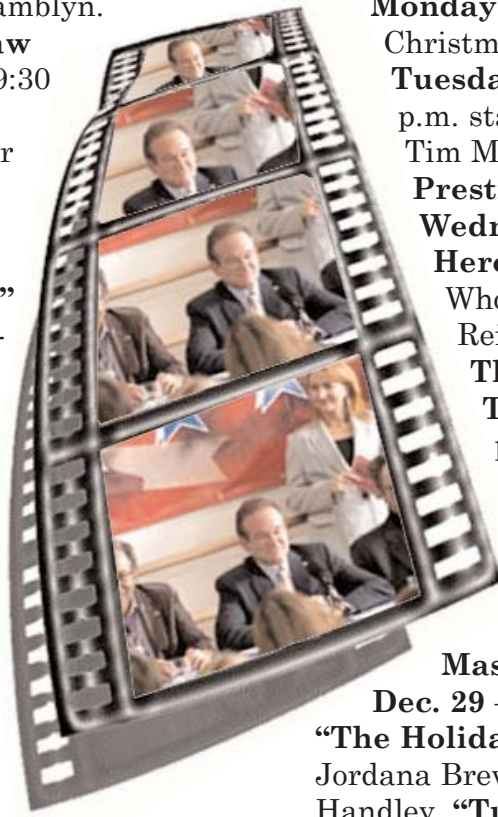
Wednesday — "Everyone's Hero," (G) 2 p.m. starring Whoopi Goldberg and Rob Reiner.

Thursday — "Man Of The Year," (PG-13) 7 p.m. "The Grudge 2," (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Dec. 28 — "Happy Feet," (PG) 4:30 p.m. Animated. "Texas Chainsaw

Massacre," (R) 9:30 p.m.

Dec. 29 — "Flicka," (PG) 2 p.m. "The Holiday," (R) 7 p.m. starring Jordana Brewster and Taylor Handley. "Turistas," (PG) 9:30 p.m. starring Josh Duhamel and Melissa George.



Navy Weekend Prime-time Movies

Effective today, the Navy movie channels are 18-20.

Today

Channel 18

8 p.m. "Barnyard," (PG)
10 p.m. "Holes," (PG)

Channel 19

8 p.m. "Deliver Us from Eva," (R)
10 p.m. "Open Range," (R)

Channel 20

8 p.m. "Star Wars," (PG-13)
11 p.m. "Doom," (R)

Saturday
Channel 18

8 p.m. "Glory Road," (PG)
10 p.m. "Raiders of the Lost Ark," (PG)

Channel 19

8 p.m. "Get Rich or Die Trying," (R)
10 p.m. "Basic Instinct," (PG-13)

Channel 20

8 p.m. "Interview with a Vampire," (R)
11 p.m. "Halloween 2," (R)

Sunday
Channel 18

8 p.m. "Ghostbusters 2," (PG)
10 p.m. "Rebound," (PG)

Channel 19

8 p.m. "The Life Aquatic," (R)
10 p.m. "Tristan and Isolde," (PG-13)

Channel 20

8 p.m. "Memoirs of a Geisha," (PG-13)
11 p.m. "Lord of War," (R)

For a complete listing of the December movies, go to:
<http://www.misawa.navy.mil/MOVIE/movie.htm>

35th Fighter Wing Chapel

Catholic Services

Christmas Eve caroling — 10:30 a.m. followed by midnight mass

Christmas Day Mass — 10 a.m.

Daily Mass — 11:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday

Sunday School — 11 a.m. at Sollars Elementary

Sunday Mass — 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Confessions — 8:45 to 9:15 a.m.

Sundays and by appointment

Protestant Services

Christmas Eve candle-light service — 7:30 p.m.

Traditional — 8 a.m.

Sundays

Sunday School — 9:30 a.m. at Sollars Elementary
Contemporary — 10:55 a.m. Sundays

Inspirational Worship — 2 p.m. Sundays

Lutheran Worship — First Sunday at 5 p.m. in Main Chapel

United Pentecostal Services 1 p.m. Sunday

Bible Study —

7 p.m. Thursdays at the Security Hill Chapel

Church of Christ

Bible Study — 9 to 10 a.m. Sundays

Worship — 10:15 a.m. to

noon and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sundays

Bible Study — 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays

Worship — 7 p.m.

Wednesdays at the Security Hill Chapel

Seventh Day Adventist Services

10 a.m. Saturdays at the Security Hill Chapel

Islamic Services

noon Fridays

Jewish Regular

Worship

7 p.m. every first, third

Friday

Unitarian Universalist Service

First, third Sunday at 4:30 p.m.



Happy holidays



The following are the holiday operating hours for Army and Air Force Exchange and the 35th Services Squadron facilities for Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Dec. 31, Jan. 1 and Jan. 2.

◆**Bake-N-Take** — Open Tuesday and Jan. 2 from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

◆**Burger King** — Open Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 31 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Jan. 1 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Jan. 2 from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

◆**Cinnabon** — Open Sunday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Dec. 31, Jan. 1 and 2 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

◆**Collocated club** — Open Dec. 29 at noon.

◆**Commissary** — Open Tuesday and Jan. 2 for normal hours.

◆**Food court** — Open Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Jan. 2 Jan. 2 from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

◆**Furniture Mart** — Open from 10

a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Dec. 31 from 10 a.m. 5 p.m.

◆**Main base shoppette** — Open Sunday from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday from 6 a.m. to midnight; Dec. 31 from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Jan. 1 from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Jan. 2 from 6 a.m. to

midnight.

◆**Main Exchange and the Bookmark** — Open Sunday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Jan. 2 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

◆**Main base gas station** — Open Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Jan. 2 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

◆**Mall concessions** — Open Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.; Tuesday from 10 a.m. 6 p.m.; Dec. 31 from noon to 5 p.m.

◆**Military Clothing Sales Store** — Open Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

◆**Mokuteki Community Center** — Closes at 6 p.m.

◆**North Area concession** — Open Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

◆**North Area food court** — Open Tuesday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 2 from 5 to 8 p.m.

◆**North Area gas station** — Open Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

and Jan. 2 from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

◆**North Area pizza delivery** — Open Tuesday, Dec. 31, and Jan. 2 from 5 to 8 p.m.

◆**North Area shoppette** — Open Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Dec. 31 from 9 a.m. to 9 .m.; Jan. 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Jan. 2 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

◆**Overstreet Memorial Library** — Open Sunday from noon to 3 p.m.; and Dec. 31 from noon to 3 p.m.

◆**Pizza Hut** — Open Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Jan. 2 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

◆**Pizza Hut delivery** — Open Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Dec. 31 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Jan. 1 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Jan. 2 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

◆**Popeye's Chicken** — Open Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 31 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Jan. 1 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Jan. 2 from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

◆**Potter Fitness Center** — Open Dec. 24 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Dec. 26 from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Dec. 31 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Jan. 2 from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

◆**Propane Gas** — Open Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

◆**Richard Bong Theater** — Open

Sunday and Dec. 31

◆**Rosewood Furniture** — Open Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.; Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Dec. 31 from noon to 5 p.m.

◆**Seattle's Best Coffee** — Open Tuesday and Jan. 2 from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

◆**Security Hill snack bar** — Open Tuesday from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

◆**Security Hill barber shop** — Open Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

◆**Stripes -The Alteration Place** — Open Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.; Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Dec. 31 from noon to 5 p.m.

◆**Subway** — Open Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Jan. 2 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

◆**The Cleaners** — Open Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.; Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Dec. 31 noon to 5 p.m.

◆**Vending operation** — Open Tuesday from 8 a.m. 5 p.m.

◆**Walmsley Bowling Center** — Open Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Dec. 31 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Jan. 1 from noon to 11 p.m.

◆**Weasels' Den** — Open Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dorm Elves Party & Holiday Messages to Home

The Chiefs' Group is holding a Dorm Elves Party from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday in the collocated club Tohoku Ballroom. Stars and Stripes will be videotaping "Holiday Messages to Home" for all the participants. After the event, these videos will be posted online at: <http://www.accesseon-line.com/dutycall/index.php>.

New Year's celebration

Come out and celebrate the New Year at the club starting at 9 p.m. Dec. 31 in the Faultline and Sports Bar. There will be horsd'oeuvres, a live disc jockey and a midnight celebration. For more information, call the club at 222-9512.

Meals, parties

◆**Grissom Dining Facility Christmas Day meal** — All officers, enlisted and retirees of the U.S. military and their family members are welcome to dine at the Grissom Dining Facility 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday. Enjoy ham, turkey, roasted beef, appetizers, side dishes and desserts. Family members of E-4s and below pay a discounted rate.

◆**Deployed family holiday party** — The Airman and Family Readiness Center is offering a deployed family holiday party from 4 to 6 p.m. Dec. 28 at the Weasels' Den. Families of deployed servicemembers can enjoy free go-kart rides, miniature golf and pizza. Other activities include crafts, coloring, stamping and making New Year's day cards. For more information, call 226-4735.

◆**Holiday dinner feast** — The Lunney Youth Center is holding a dinner feast with activities at 3:30 p.m. today at the center. This is a parent and child event. For more information, call 226-3220.

◆**Lunch with Santa** — The Misawa Collocated Club is offering lunch with Santa Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Have your picture taken with Santa and maybe you'll win the giant Christmas stocking giveaway. For more information, call 226-9512.

